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SUBJECT: DEATH OF BREZHNEV'S MOTHER

1. CONDOLENCES FROM ALL POLITBURO AND SECRETARIAT COLLEAGUES TO BREZHNEV OVER THE DEATH OF HIS MOTHER, NATALIYA DENISOVNA, WERE READ AS FIRST ITEM OF EVENING TV NEWS PROGRAM ON JANUARY 7 AND PHOTOGRAPH SHOWN BRIEFLY. EVENING EDITION OF IZVESTIYA WAS DELAYED, APPARENTLY IN ORDER TO INCLUDE ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH WAS REPEATED IN ALL MAJOR SOVIET PAPERS. DATE OF DEATH WAS NOT GIVEN, BUT JANUARY 8 FUNERAL SUGGESTS THAT IT HAPPENED TWO DAYS PREVIOUSLY.

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2. WESTERN NEWSMAN OBSERVED BREZHNEV'S ZIL AND
POLICE ESCORT ENTERING GROUNDS OF ACADEMY OF
SCIENCES BUILDING AT 1000 TODAY AND WAS TOLD BY POLICEMAN
THAT BREZHNEV WAS PRESENT TO SEE MOTHER WHO LAY IN
STATE. ANOTHER NEWSMAN OBSERVED ABOUT 20 ZILS AND NUMEROUS
DIGNITARIES ENTERING NOVODEVICHYE CEMETERY ABOUT 1315 HOURS
FOR FUNERAL.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY ENTIRELY DISCOUNTS BBC AND
OTHER WESTERN PRESS SPECULATION THAT POSTPONEMENT OF BREZHNEV'S
ME TRIP MAY BE CONNECTED WITH THE DEATH OF HIS
MOTHER.
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